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SUBJECT: IMELDA MARCOS

1. THE REVEREND JAMES F. DONELAN, AMERICAN JESUIT PRIEST

WHO HAS LONG BEEN CONFESSOR FOR IMELDA MARCOS, HAS TOLD ME IN CONFIDENCE THAT HE HAS BEEN DROPPED FROM THAT FUNCTION. HE SAYS IMELDA WOULD NO LONGER ACCEPT HIS SPIRITUAL COUNSELING. HE BELIEVES HE HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN REPLACED BECAUSE IMELDA HAS COME TO FEEL THAT SHE NO LONGER NEEDS INTERCESSION FOR DIVINE COMMUNICATION.

2. DONELAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE HAS BEGUN TO HAVE CONCERN THAT IMELDA'S MIND HAS SLIPPED ITS MOORINGS. HE SAYS SHE CONSISTENTLY GATHERS PEOPLE AROUND HER LATE AT NIGHT IN MALACANANG AND CARRIES ON MONOLOGUE LECTURES ON ALL SORTS OF SUBJECTS UNTIL 4:00 A.M. OFTEN THE PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE ARE HIGHLY QUALIFIED SPECIALISTS IN VARIOUS FIELDS ON WHICH IMELDA SPEWS FORTH HER OWN SIMPLISTIC VIEWS AS REVEALED TRUTH. SHE BROOKS NO DEBATE OR CRITICISM IN THESE SESSIONS.

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3. ALTHOUGH DONELAN CONTINUES TO HAVE A PATERNAL AFFECTION FOR IMELDA, HE CONSIDERS HER A SOURCE OF EMBARRASSMENT TO THE PHILIPPINES AND TO PRESIDENT MARCOS.
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